

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, Americans come together each March to celebrate Women's History Month and showcase the contributions of women to our Nation and State's culture, economy, religious life, and history; and*

*WHEREAS, the history of Montana cannot be fully understood without appreciating the role of women, from the days of the pioneers and prospectors to today's trailblazers in ag, high-tech, and business; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana women, including Missoula's own Jeannette Rankin, played a foundational role in securing voting rights for women in Montana, inspiring a movement across the country; and*

*WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress; Mary Ronan, a notable historian of early Montana; Sarah Bickford, an African-American woman who was born a slave but eventually moved to Montana after the Civil War and owned the Virginia City Water Company; and Alma Snell, a Native American author, historian, and advocate for Apsáalooke culture; among others shaped our state's rich history and inspire Montanans to this day;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim March 2022*

### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

*in Montana to celebrate and reflect on the contributions of women to our state's history.*

  


**GREG GIANFORTE**  
**Governor**